of Kerala as per details in enclosed statement have been returned for re-submission mainly due to inter-state aspects involved. (*see* below)

(c) Kozhikode Heavy Fuel Diesel Power Plant at Nallalam (128MW) and Combined Cycle Power Plant at Kannur (513 MW) in Kerala are under examination in CEA.

Power Project Agreements with Pakistan

2240. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether power project agreements with Pakistan were finalised, as claimed in "Charter of Commitment and our achievement" released by National Democratic Alliance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Two rounds of technical level discussions have been held between India and Pakistan on the issue of purchase of electricity from Pakistan. During the second round of discussions, Government of Pakistan confirmed availability of 300 MW of capacity to export to India for next ten years which could be increased to 600 MW as per availability during certain periods of time depending upon technical limits of the system on either side. Both the countries have agreed for export of 300 MW power to India. However, operating agreement for purchase of power and the tariff rates is yet to be decided. There has been no progress in talks after the second round of discussions.

Commissioning of Thermal Power Projects

2241. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Export flays Government's thermal power schemes" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 6th December, 1999;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of thermal power stations which could not be commissioned in last ten years, indicating the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) To accelerate the pace of hydro power development in the country, the Government have taken several steps such as creation of Power Corporations under Central/Joint Sector, liberalisation of policies and procedures to attract private investment, emphasis on renovation, modernisation and uprating of existing hydro stations and small hydro development, etc. With the objective for faster development of hydro potential, the Government of India has announced a policy on